# FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### Committee's Official Designation:

Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health (FACOSH).

#### Authority:

5 U.S.C. 7902(c); Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651, 668); Executive Order 11612, and continued by Executive Orders 11807, 11948, 12110, 12196, 12258, 12399, 12534, 12610, 12692, 12774, 12869, 12974, 13062, 13138, 13225, 13316, 13385, 13466, and 13511; 29 CFR Part 1960; and Secretary of Labor's Order 5-2007 (72 FR 31160). The Council will operate within the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App.

#### Objectives and Scope of Activities:

FACOSH advises the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) on matters, policies, plans, and programs relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees.

#### Description of the Committee's Duties:

FACOSH advises, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Secretary on the development and maintenance of effective occupational safety and health programs and policies, and on ways to reduce and keep to a minimum the number and severity of workplace injuries and illnesses in the Federal Government. In addition, FACOSH acts as a clearinghouse for federal departments and agencies of information related to occupational safety and health.

## Official to Whom the Committee Reports:

Secretary of Labor.

## Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for the Committee:

Office of Federal Agency Programs
Directorate of Enforcement Programs
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

#### Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:

Payments to non-federal members	\$ 0
Payments to federal members	0
Payments to federal staff (2.0 staff years)	180,000
Payments to consultants	0
Reimbursement for non-federal member travel	5,000
Reimbursement for federal member travel	5,000
Reimbursement for federal staff travel	5,000
Reimbursement for consultant travel	0
Other (including transcription services)	5,000
TOTAL	\$200,000

## **Designated Federal Official:**

The Director of the Office of Federal Agency Programs will serve as the Designated Federal Official (DFO). The DFO will call all meetings of FACOSH and its subcommittees, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, and attend all committee meetings. In addition, the DFO will adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest.

#### **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:**

At least two (2) meetings per year.

#### Committee Duration:

September 30, 2011.

#### Termination:

This Charter expires on September 30, 2011, unless terminated prior to such date.

#### Membership and Designation:

FACOSH will consist of a Chairperson and sixteen (16) representative members appointed by the Secretary. Eight (8) members will represent management of federal departments and agencies (management members) and eight (8) members will be from labor organizations representing federal employees (labor members). Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for a term not exceeding three (3) years, unless the Secretary reappoints the member to a successive term.

The Secretary or his/her designee will serve as the FACOSH Chairperson.

Members do not receive compensation for serving on FACOSH, but are allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

#### Subcommittees:

FACOSH will establish subcommittees as it finds necessary. Representation on subcommittees shall be balanced and proportionate to that of FACOSH itself. The FACOSH Chairperson shall appoint subcommittee chairpersons. Members of FACOSH subcommittees need not be members of FACOSH.

FACOSH subcommittees may not work independently of FACOSH and must report their recommendations and advice to FACOSH for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees shall not have authority to make decisions on behalf of FACOSH or to report directly to the Secretary.

## Recordkeeping:

All meetings of FACOSH are transcribed and detailed minutes are prepared. Meeting transcripts, minutes, and other materials presented at FACOSH meetings are included in the public record, which is available at <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. These records will be available for public inspection and copying. In addition, the records of FACOSH, including subcommittees and workgroups, will be handled in accordance with the Department of Labor approved records disposition schedule.

## Filing Date:

This Charter is filed on the date indicated below.

Secretary of Labor

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Date